UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON)
Petitioner,	}
v.) No.1:09-CV-00085) JUDGE HAYNES
JOE EASTERLING, Warden)
Respondent.)

JOINT MOTION TO STAY AND ABEY

Consistent with the procedures outlined in *Rhines v. Weber*, 544 U.S. 269, 277 (2005), the parties jointly move the Court to hold in abeyance these habeas-corpus proceedings pending the Petitioner William Johnson's return to state court to exhaust certain claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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